

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Major Uses of Land in the United States, 2007

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) has served as a source of major land use estimates in the United States for over 50 years. The major land-use series is the only consistent accounting of all major uses of land in the United States, public and private. Economic analyses often require consistent acreage estimates of land use. Prior to 1945, area estimates of major land uses were not consistently available for all States and all major uses of land. Various agencies had data on land use that differed widely in definition, collection criteria, and acreage. No single agency provided all land uses that would sum to the total land in the United States. This publication presents the results of the latest (2007) inventory of U.S. major land uses, drawing on data from the Census Bureau, public land management and conservation agencies, and other sources. The data are synthesized by State to calculate the use of several broad classes and subclasses of agricultural and nonagricultural land over time.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/01/11 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

